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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provision under Sub-Section (5) of Section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 "Draft Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2017" was executed between the State of West Bengal and Sikkim and the same was published in the Government of Sikkim Extraordinary Gazette vide Notification No. GOS/MVD/T/2009-10/Adm/86/56 dated 22/06/2017 and subsequently a notice was published in the local newspapers dated 01/07/2017 inviting objection and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby within thirty days from the date of publishing in the newspapers.

AND WHEREAS, no objection and suggestions were received within the stipulated period as fixed in the said notice;

Now, therefore, both the Government of West Bengal and Sikkim hereby agreed to enter with a "Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement" for encouraging and regulating the movement of transport vehicles between the two reciprocating States. The Governor is hereby pleased to publish finally the "Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement" as agreed upon by both the States of West Bengal and Sikkim in terms of provision laid down under Sub-Section (6) of section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in continuation of the principal RTA, 2007 between the two States.

**Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2017 between the State of
West Bengal and Sikkim**

Whereas a Reciprocal Transport Agreement was executed between the State of West Bengal and Sikkim in 2007 in accordance with Sub-sections (5) & (6) of Section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the same was notified vide Notification no. 67/MV/T dated: 9th April, 2007, and was published in the Government of Sikkim Extraordinary Gazette number 172 dated 4th May, 2007;

And whereas both the States have felt and expressed necessity to review the same for better regulation, control and co-ordination of movement of transport vehicles in inter-state routes;

And whereas a number of discussion have been held between the senior Officials of Transport Departments of both the State Governments and have agreed to frame a Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement by modifying and/or supplementing some of the terms and conditions of the Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2007 in a symmetric re-arrangement of mutual interests of transporters of both sides;

Now, therefore, the Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2017 between the State of Sikkim and the State of West Bengal is finalized in accordance with following terms and conditions. This supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement shall remain valid till it is replaced by another fresh agreement arrived on mutual consent for reasons to be given in writing by either of the State Governments.

Terms and Conditions of the Supplementary Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2017.

(A) STAGE CARRIAGE PERMITS:-

1. Following new routes are introduced between the two States with number of permits shown against each:

SI No.	Route	Quota of permit for West Bengal	Quota of permit for Sikkim
1	Alipurduar to Gangtok	2	2
2	Siliguri to Namchi	3	3
3	Siliguri to Gyalshing	3	3
4	Siliguri to Mangan	3	3
5	Coochbehar to Gangtok via Coronation Bridge/Malbazaar	2	2

2. Strength of permits is enhanced in existing Siliguri to Gangtok route by 5(five) for each of the States of West Bengal and Sikkim.

(B) CONTRACT CARRIAGE PERMITS:-

Both the States will issue Contract Carriage Permits from one point of the home state to another point of reciprocating State without allowing any scope of local sightseeing beyond Gangtok, Namchi and Pelling in Sikkim and Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Siliguri (NJP and Bagdogra) in West Bengal. However, vehicles permitted by West Bengal may ply from Gangtok to Namchi to Pelling and vice-versa. This condition will be applicable in relation to the Contract Carriage Permits issued and/or to be issued in the strength of the existing Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2007.

Both the States shall frame guidelines by executive orders, on mutual consent, so as to cater to the demands of such Contract Carriages intending to carry reserved tourists from home State upto the hotel doorsteps of reciprocating State.

Both the States may also grant Contract Carriage Permits to special tourist vehicles in restricted numbers for the purpose of allowing carriage of tourist to interiors of both the States. The number of permit to be granted by each State for this purpose and the interior regions to

be made accessible by each State to such vehicles will be settled on mutual consent by executive orders/correspondences maintaining a parity and symmetry in such dealings.

(C) MEDIUM GOODS CARRIAGE AND OIL TANKERS:-

Number of permits to be issued by Darjeeling, West Bengal is enhanced to 600 (six hundred). Similarly, Sikkim will issue 600 (six hundred) permits. 15% enhancement in number of permits for oil tankers is made for both the States.

All other terms and conditions of the Reciprocal Transport Agreement, 2007 will remain the same.

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